

EARTH DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 1992

PRESENT: Bruce Spamen, City Forester, Cindy Wilcox, Municipal Development, Elaine Bank, Garden Club, Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, Hal Kaplan, Principal Lawrence School, Krishna Winston, Recycling Council, Ross Page, Recycling Council, Stan Watson, Urban Forestry Commission

Earth Day will be on Wednesday, April 22, 1991. It was decided that the weekend after (Friday 24 - Sunday 26th) would be the best time for activities. Several themes were discussed. Litter and Waste Reduction and protecting the beauty of our Earth were agreed upon as general themes.

Several different activities were discussed. Below is a list of what was generally decided upon.

1. Urban Forestry Arbor Day Ceremony - Friday, April 24, p.m.

The Commission has been working on a plan to beautify the Ferry/Green Street Playground and parking lot. Cindy explained that the area will be cleaned up, equipment and benches added and trees will be planted. A ceremony will be planned for Friday afternoon to celebrate this great accomplishment.

2. Ravine Park Clean Up - Saturday, April 25, a.m.

Kim and Cindy will work on organizing a clean up at Ravine Park. Members felt this was an area which needed help and Park & Recreation had been discussing cleaning this area. Volunteers will be needed.

3. Conservation Commission Open Space Parcel Tours and Hikes - Saturday, April 25

Cindy will discuss organizing hikes through the Conservation Commission on the four new open space parcels. She will also look into running the trolley between the four parcels, so people could visit each parcel and ride on the trolley.

4. Waste Reduction Exhibit at City Hall - April 25

Members of the Resource Recycling Advisory Council volunteered to design a Waste Reduction Booth and Recycling Exhibit at City Hall. Krishna, Ross and Kim said they would work on the details of this.

5. Elementary School

Hal Kaplan explained that the schools will be getting seedlings from Liberty Bank and planting them in an Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration. Bruce suggested getting a few tree tubes for each school and using those to help protect the seedlings or use those to plant a seed and the kids can watch them grow through the Spring. Elaine thought the Garden Club might be able to donate the tubes (they originally had offered a tree or shrub.) She will check on it.

6. Tree Nurseries at Schools

Stan discussed an idea on planting tree nurseries for children at the schools. He thought the commencement of this plan might be able to be incorporated with the Earth Day tree planting.

7. Environmental Book Display at Russell Library

Krishna discussed having Russell Library present an environmental book display similar to what they have done in the past.

PUBLICITY

Members generally discussed publicity. Newspaper articles, ads, and posters were thought to be a good start.

Kim, Cindy and Bruce said they would work on producing a calendar of events for the weekend.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.